--- CANADA TWIST ONLY - Montreal Division - Series of 1881 - 3rd BABN Contract (1878-1886) ---

--- lithographed in GREEN ink - 238 x 20 mm - with 4 mm. blue controls - scanned at 67% scale ---

--- inscribed NOT TO COVER MORE / **than 2 lbs. plus** *S. M. Return No. ..... / J. L. Vincent / Collector* **---**

Chris Ryan reports that *J. L. Vincent* replaced *Dunbar Browne* as Collector at Montreal on May 1st 1879.

Chris Ryan also reports in the "Canadian Revenue Newsletter" of March 2003, that in anticipation of the Act of 1883 the Revenue Department, on January 13th 1883, instructed BABN not to print any new supplies of the soon to be supplanted 1880-81 strips, unless specially authorized to do so. On July 1st 1883 the Department declared that the 1/20th, 1/10th and 2 pound green strips were *obsolete*.

The catalogue lists the 2 pound, green, Montreal Division CANADA TWIST ONLY strip as follows:

RT-65 - 2 pounds, green, perforated 12, Montreal Division, on *block wmkd* vertical mesh wove - 4 mm. blue controls
RT-65a - 2 pounds, green, perforated 12, Montreal Division, on *unwmkd* horizontal mesh wove - 4 mm. blue controls

RT-65an - 2 pounds, green, perforated 12, Montreal Division, without control numbering
Lithographed on *unwatermarked* horizontal mesh wove

See the OVERPRINT file for this item

RT-181 / RT-65 - **1 lb.** on 2 pounds, perf 12, Montreal Division, on *block watermarked* vertical mesh wove

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--- RT-181 / RT-65 **- overprinted 1 lb. on 2 pounds ---**

RT-181 / RT-65 - **1 lb.** on 2 pounds, green, perforated 12, Montreal Division, control number **010997**
Lithographed on *block watermarked* vertical mesh wove - overprinted in bright red Roman letters

Is this a separate control sequence, or has the overprint been made on sheets already control numbered as **RT-65**?

The following strip is a remnant from the **4th BABN Contract**. It has probably been scissor-clipped from an unfinished imperforate sheet. Since it was not a production item, I feel that it is preferable to simply list it without a separate catalogue number.

2 pounds, green, *imperforate*, Montreal Division, without control numbering
Lithographed on *unwatermarked* horizontal mesh wove

--- RT-65 - 2 pounds - perforated 12 - on *block watermarked* vertical mesh wove ---

RT-65 - 2 pounds, green, perforated 12, Montreal Division, control number **005991**
Lithographed on *block watermarked* vertical mesh wove

000245★		RT-65	2 pounds, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
000259		RT-65	2 pounds, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
000445	11/80	RT-65	2 pounds, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh - dated *9 - 80*
000447	11/80	RT-65	2 pounds, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh - dated *9 - 80*
001534		RT-65	2 pounds, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
001535		RT-65	2 pounds, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
001537		RT-65	2 pounds, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
001541		RT-65	2 pounds, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
001551		RT-65	2 pounds, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
001552		RT-65	2 pounds, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
003483	10/81	RT-65	2 pounds, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh - dated **7-81**
005991★		RT-65	2 pounds, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
006000		RT-65	2 pounds, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
006001		RT-65	2 pounds, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
006004		RT-65	2 pounds, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
006019★		RT-65	2 pounds, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh

The strips found unwatermarked by simply *missing the sheet block watermark,* coming from *the earlier* control numbers, are in a lighter green colour, and are on a good grade of soft wove paper showing a distinct vertical mesh, and a slightly off-white background paper colour. These are anomalies and should be collected as such. The ***truly*** *unwatermarked* copies, from a later control number era, are very distinctive both in their fine thinner white horizontal mesh wove paper, and in their darker green colouration.

RT-181 / RT-65 - **1 lb.** on 2 pounds, "Montreal" Division, green, control **010997**, perforated 12,
lithographed on *block watermarked* vertical mesh wove - overprinted in bright red Roman letters

010796★	**RT-181** / RT-65	**1 lb.** on 2 pounds, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh, missed the sheet watermark
010797	**RT-181** / RT-65	**1 lb.** on 2 pounds, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
010958-60	**RT-181** / RT-65	**1 lb.** on 2 pounds, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
010963★	**RT-181** / RT-65	**1 lb.** on 2 pounds, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh
010997★	**RT-181** / RT-65	**1 lb.** on 2 pounds, perforated 12, block watermarked vertical mesh

The copy **010796** is actually *unwatermarked*, but is printed on the usual *block watermarked vertical mesh* wove. It has simply missed the sheet *block watermark* at the top or bottom of the sheet. Does the overprint occur on ***truly*** *unwatermarked* paper? If so the overprint, which would be on *unwatermarked* *horizontal* *mesh* wove, is **WANTED!**

--- RT-65a - 2 pounds - perforated 12 – on *unwatermarked* horizontal mesh wove ---

RT-65a - 2 pounds, green, perforated 12, Montreal Division, control number **065042**
Lithographed on *unwatermarked* horizontal mesh wove

060052	RT-65a	2 pounds, perforated 12, unwatermarked horizontal mesh
060055	RT-65a	2 pounds, perforated 12, unwatermarked horizontal mesh
060076	RT-65a	2 pounds, perforated 12, unwatermarked horizontal mesh
065020	RT-65a	2 pounds, perforated 12, unwatermarked horizontal mesh
065035	RT-65a	2 pounds, perforated 12, unwatermarked horizontal mesh
065042★	RT-65a	2 pounds, perforated 12, unwatermarked horizontal mesh
065365	RT-65a	2 pounds, perforated 12, unwatermarked horizontal mesh
065368★	RT-65a	2 pounds, perforated 12, unwatermarked horizontal mesh
070142	RT-65a	2 pounds, perforated 12, unwatermarked horizontal mesh
070145	RT-65a	2 pounds, perforated 12, unwatermarked horizontal mesh
070147	RT-65a	2 pounds, perforated 12, unwatermarked horizontal mesh

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